

Claim 24 has been added by this amendment, which is identical to claim 13 as originally filed. Due to a clerical error by the Examiner, claim 13 was included in both Groups I and II in the Restriction Requirement mailed April 20, 2000 (Paper No. 2). This error was maintained inadvertently by applicants in the Response filed April 28, 2000. As a result, claim 13, drawn to a coating, which should have been maintained with the elected claims of Group I, was unintentionally canceled. In order to correct this error, Lynda Calderone, Applicants' representative and the Examiner agreed during a telephone conversation on March 5, 2003 that the Examiner would enter an amendment correcting the same. In view of the conversations between the Examiner and Ms. Calderone on March 5 and 10, 2003, Applicants are also filing the enclosed Information Disclosure Statement along with an RCE request to bring to the Examiner's attention prior art from the priority application file. Prompt entry of the present amendment and consideration of the prior art cited in the IDS are respectfully requested. The Examiner is encouraged to contact Ms. Calderone or the undersigned should any additional issues or questions arise concerning the application or cited prior art.

Respectfully submitted,

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